

Asheville City Council
Planning and Economic Development Committee

9:30 a.m., March 10, 2010
City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Councilman Jan Davis, Chair; Councilman Gordon Smith; Councilwoman Esther Manheimer

Staff: Gary Jackson, Cathy Ball, McCray Coates, Judy Daniel, Shannon Tuch, Debbie Ivester, Martha McGlohon, Kelly Whitlock

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met on March 10, 2010, in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the February 10, 2010, meeting were approved as written.

2. Updates

Overview of Armory/Richmond Hill CUP

Shannon Tuch, Assistant Planning Director, gave the update. (See attached memorandum.)

After careful deliberation and concerns regarding lack of parking and access, and public restroom facilities, the PED Committee did not reach a consensus on staff's recommendation to reconsider the WNCDG's proposal to add a second 18-hole disc golf course at Richmond Hill. Staff supports reconsidering when 1) access to the site is improved to mitigate existing residential traffic, 2) service delivery is improved or mitigated, 3) public restrooms are installed, and 4) on-going resources are secured to properly maintain the amenities and mitigate impacts to environmentally sensitive areas over time).

The agenda item was moved forward to full Council for proper deliberation.

3. Unfinished Business

Stormwater and Erosion Policy Review

Cathy Ball, Public Works Director, led the review, assisted by McCray Coates, Stormwater Services Manager. The ordinance presented to PED today staff believes is ready to go to Council, with the support of PED. The Committee voted to move the ordinance forward to full Council for proper deliberation, which speaks in general terms to the 30' – 50' buffers, before writing another ordinance. Further direction is still necessary for work on buffers.

Mr. Paul Szurek spoke in support of relating buffers to risk.

Mr. Hartwell Carson voiced his concerns for buffers during the construction phase of a project.

Representatives from the Flood Damage Reduction Task Force were present. Chair Davis suggested that, due to their hard work, they provide their update to full Council.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Presentations and Public Comment

Health Impact Assessment/I-26 Connector

Item pulled from agenda prior to meeting, as funding was denied for assessment, per Julie Mayfield.

UDO Graphic Design/Streamlining

Joe Minicozzi presented a proposal for UDO Graphic Design/Streamlining.

The Committee recommended hearing from staff regarding Mr. Minicozzi's proposal; Judy Daniel, Planning Director, and Martha McGlohon, Legal, will return to the Committee with reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.